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Abstract

The invention relates to the updating of a digital map, comprising elements of a traffic route network, in a user end device on which at least one user application of the digital map runs, using a second digital map which is arranged in a control center.

According to the invention, only a subset of elements of the digital map which is required for a current user application is updated. Since this takes place close to real time conditions at the time at which the corresponding elements of the digital map are required by a current user application, the most up to date state of the digital map is always made available to the current user application. Since the user end device can precisely delimit the element subset of the digital map which is required for a current user application, only a minimum required data quantity, i.e. a minimum expenditure of data transmission, is always implemented. Since at least one additional element subset of the digital map is automatically selected in such a way that after the data of the additional element subset has been received and supplied the digital map is internally consistent, a current digital map, which ensures that the user application or each user application running on the device functions without problems, is always made available.